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PROCESSOR AND OPTICAL READER

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of September 7, 2001, please amend the
above-captioned application as follows:

In the Specification:

Please amend the Abstract as follows:

An optical reading system comprising an optical reader and a host processor.

In one aspect of the invention, the host processor may be configured to transmit a
component control instruction in response to a user input command input by a user
of the host processor to remotely control the reader. The optical reader subsequently
receives the transmitted component control instruction and executes the component
control instruction substantially on receipt thereof. In one embodiment, execution of
the component control instruction by the optical reader has the same effect as the
reader trigger being manually pulled by a reader operator.

In the Claims:

Please note that all claims have been reproduced for the convenience of the
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Please amend claims 1, 7, 9, and 15 as follows:

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